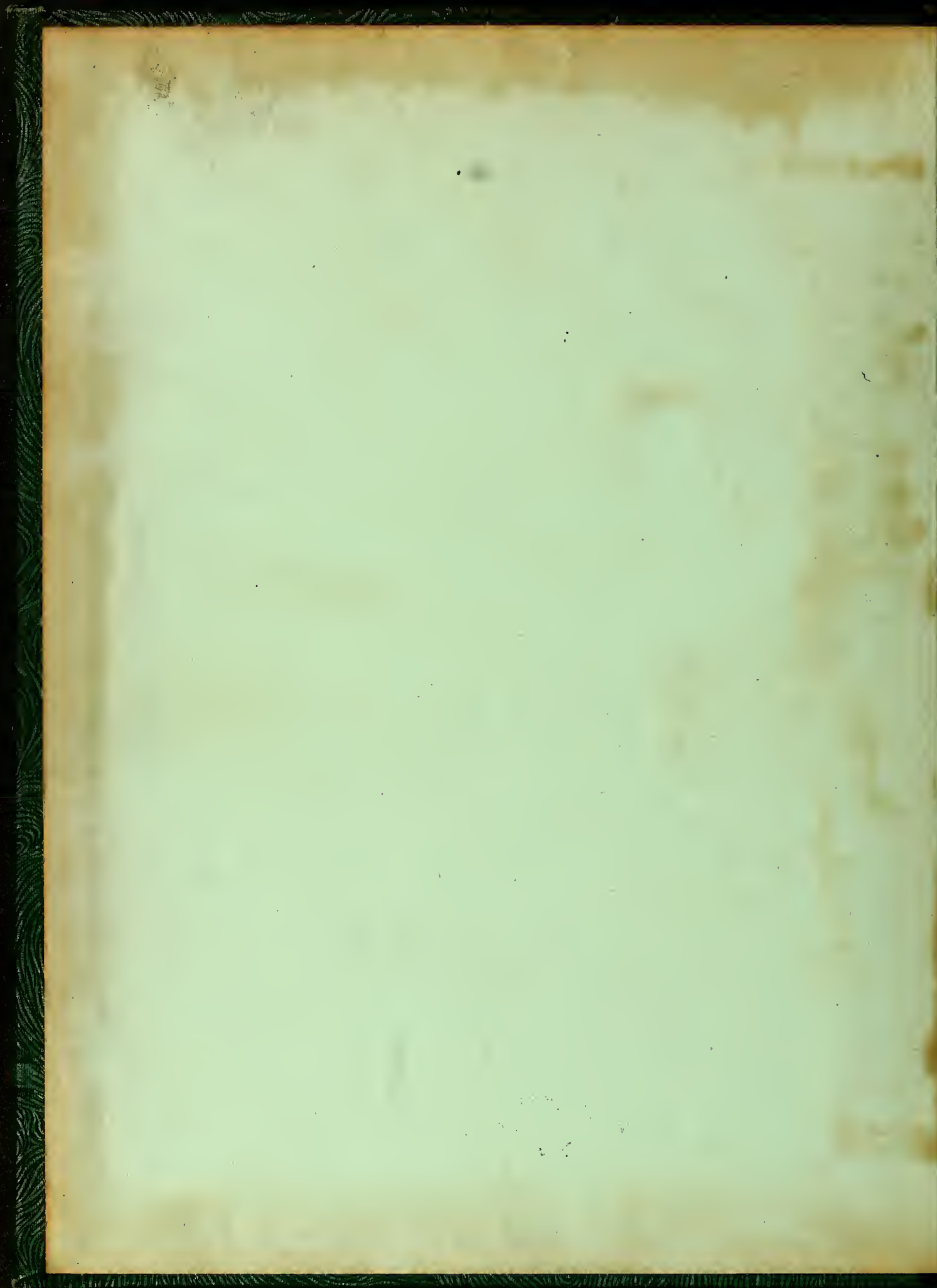
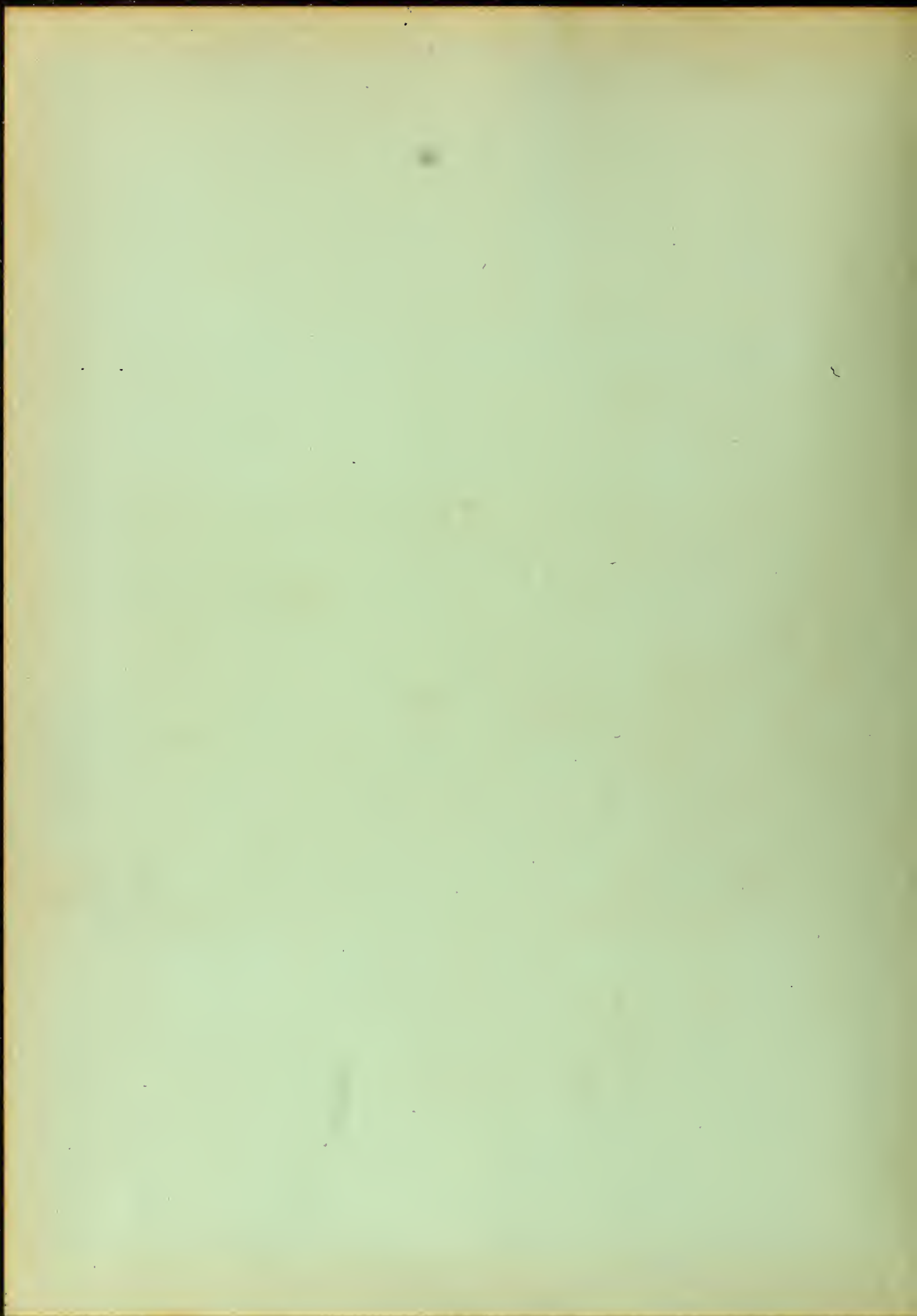


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PURPOSE



Mitchell College is dedicated to academic excellence—scholarship which builds upon the basis tenet that Truth and Wisdom and the Abundant Life have their source in the Christian Faith as witnessed to and upheld by the Church which founded this Institution to serve as a vital instrument in the field of Christian Education. Its whole program, curricular and extra-curricular, is consciously and unapologetically committed to the Christian life, in which is fulfilled the Ideal of developing students with integrated, well-rounded personalities.

















Foreword

Mitchell College has been exerting her influence on countless students for nearly a century. Her spirit is beyond measure—thus it shall always be.

During the year 1952-53 we were the students within her doors receiving this influence. We were experiencing Rat Day, laughing at jokes in the student lounge, holding parties in the kit and gym, cheering at basketball games, working on the SCA retreat, taking part in chapel programs, singing in the Messiah, writing the Constitution of the Student Body, getting excited over the Christmas Dance, the Sweetheart Dance, and the Junior-Senior, rehearsing lines for the spring play, and receiving the final hand shakes at graduation. In all the varied activities of Mitchell, we were there, enjoying Christian fellowship with our friends.

We keep repeating "were." Yes, our college days are over, but the precious and priceless memories will always linger in our hearts. The aims of this yearbook are to revive for you these languid memories, to remind you of a party or dance, to make you long for those wonderful moments of grand times, and to engrave deeply your life at Mitchell so that you will always keep it alive. When you are turning through the pages of this "Circle," if you feel that once again you are walking up the drive around the Mitchell Circle, then the every wish of your editors will have been fulfilled.



Dedication



In appreciation of her untiring and efficient efforts to teach us, as well as her friendliness and personal interest in us, the Circle Staff of 1953 dedicates, with love and admiration, this edition of "The Circle" to Miss Margaret Lane.

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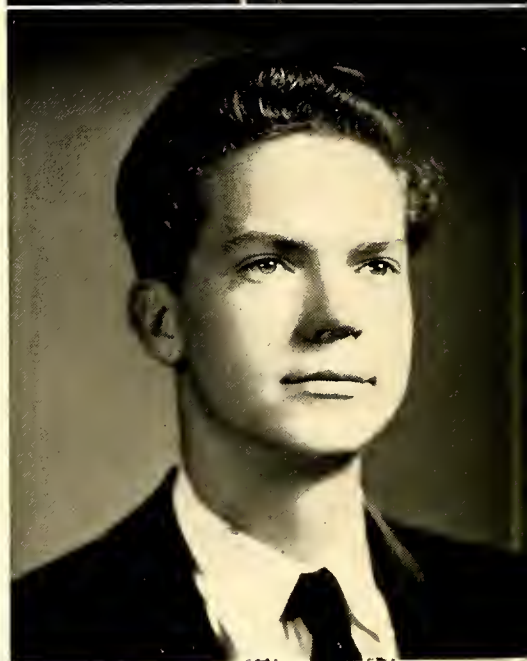
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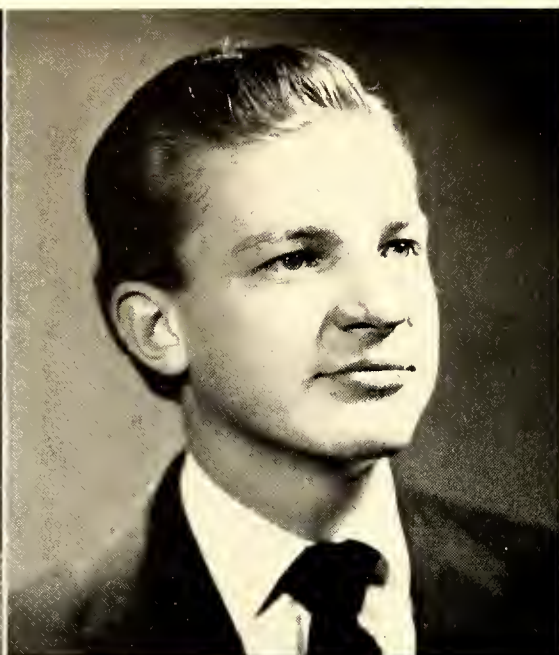
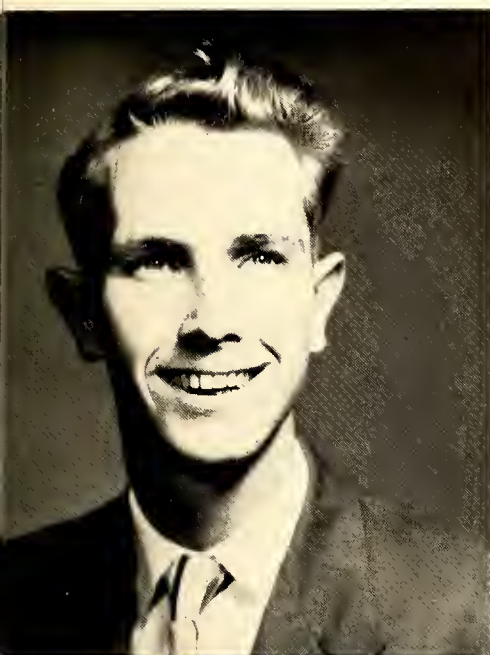
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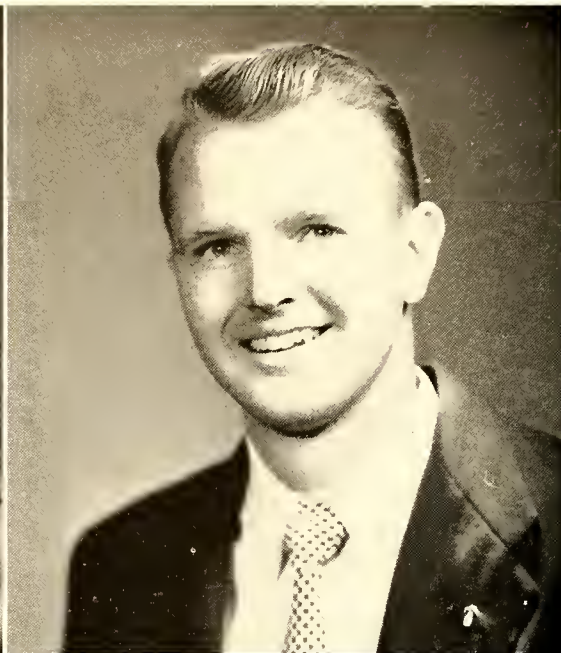
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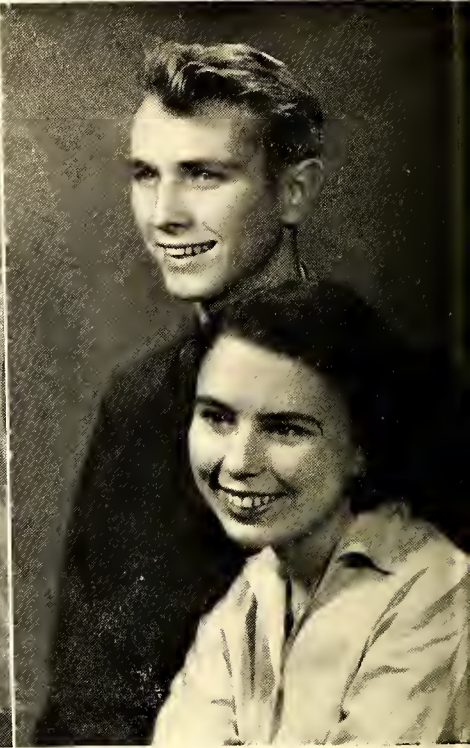
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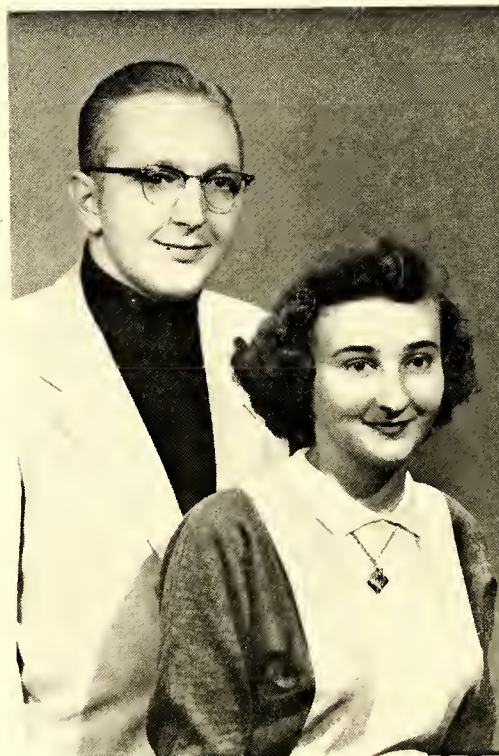
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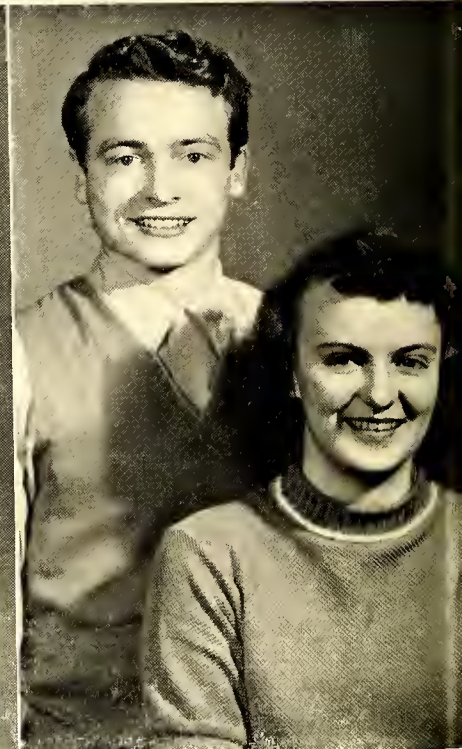
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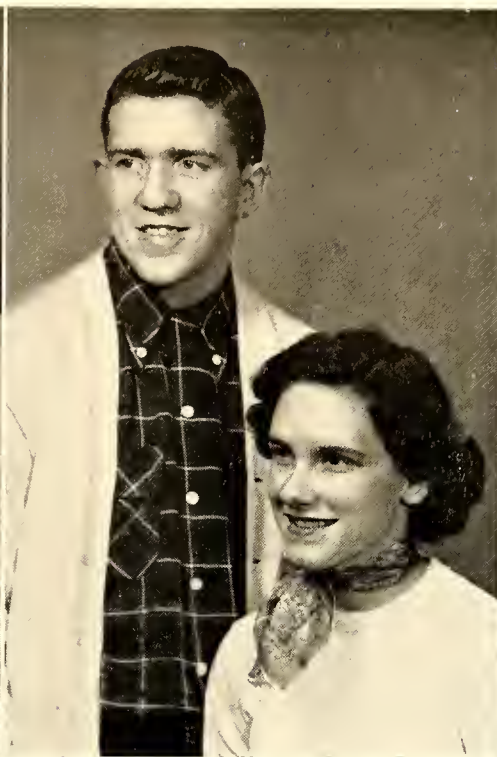


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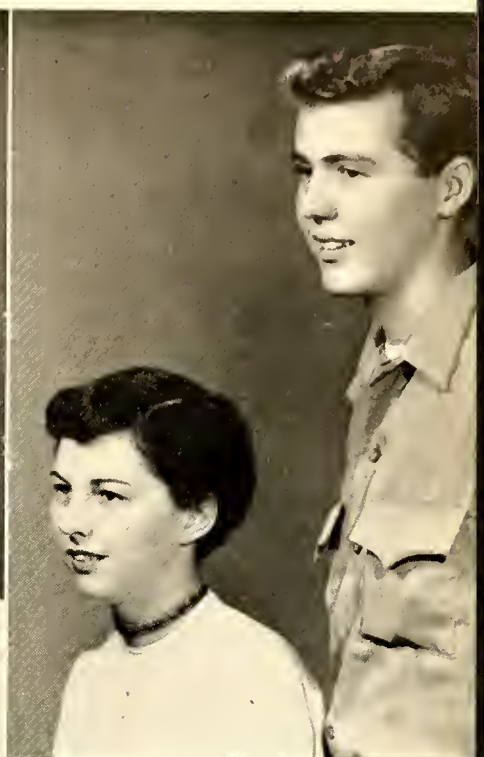
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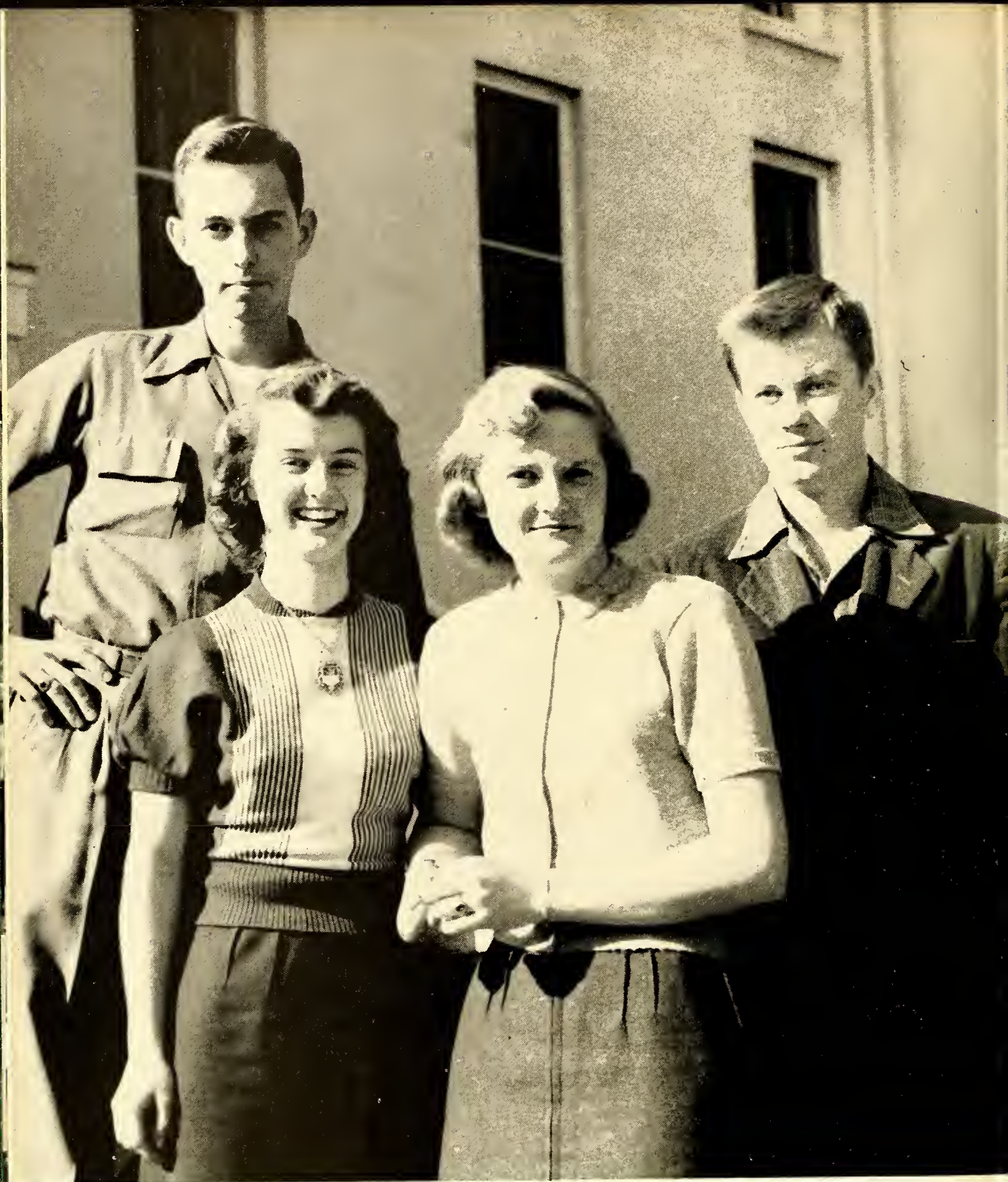
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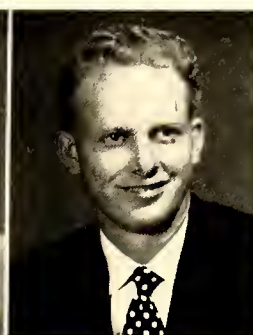
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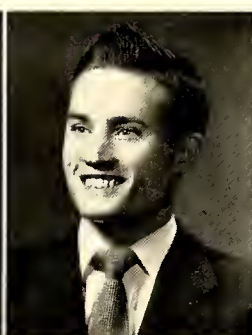
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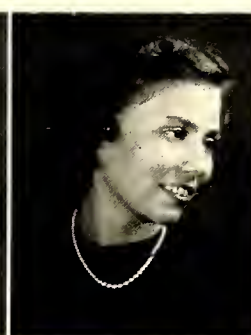
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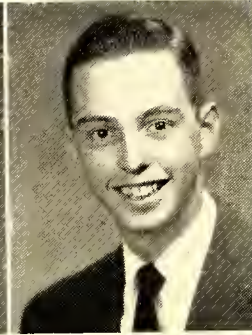
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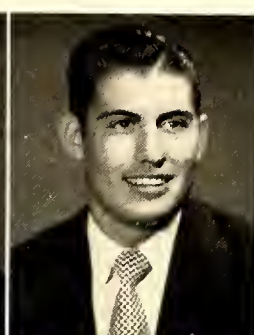
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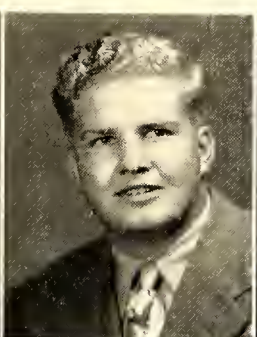
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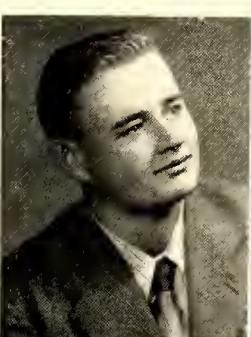
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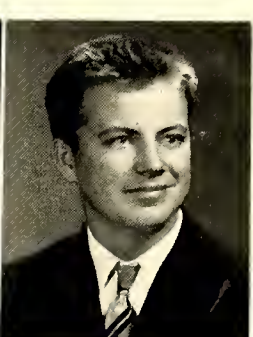
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Bill Hoke, Bill Campbell, Fran Hinson, Patsy Smith, Betty Jo Capel, and Davies Overcash were elected by popular vote to be the most outstanding students on the Mitchell campus.

By coincidence, all these students are members of the Student Council, so we will try to show how they play a part in making "ideas become realities," as they work together on the Student Council. For example, when someone has a "brainstorm" for having a party, the idea is suggested to Bill Hoke, President of the Council. It is thoroughly studied (?) by Bill Campbell, vice-president of the Council. Weighing the matter, Fran Hinson, who is also President of the Dramatics Club, commences planning skits, entertainments, and decorations for the social. After days of planning, slaving, and loads of fun, the wonderful night arrives. Patsy Smith, Chairman of the Social Committee, presides at the punch bowl, while our "professional" dancing team, Davies Overcash, Honor Committee Chairman, and Betty Jo Capel, House Council Chairman, demonstrate their latest step.

Naturally, these six are outstanding for reasons other than their ability to plan and carry out social activities, but we have endeavored to present this as only one of the many phases through which their talents enrich life at Mitchell.



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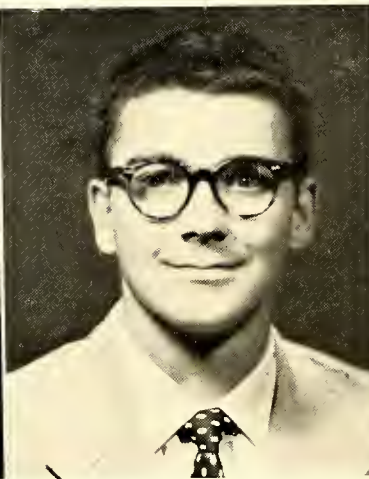
Yes, the hustle and bustle of the Circle staff rushing to meet deadlines and the dashing downtown between classes to get ads is over. Here it is, gang your yearbook! The memories you will cherish all through life, the highlights on the campus, all the good times we've had together . . . here they are. The editorial and business staffs have worked long and hard to meet the deadline, but we have enjoyed every minute of it. We hope we have captured in these pages some of the happiest moments in your life at Mitchell.



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HONOR COMMITTEE

The Honor System is the most outstanding achievement of the present generation of Mitchell College students. It was first proposed by the students in the fall of 1951 and throughout the remainder of that year there was much discussion and work done on its development. The support of such student leaders as Bud Amburn, Bill Hoke, and Davies Overcash saw the system almost unanimously adopted in the late spring of 1952. It went into full effect in the fall of 1952. At that time, any student who would not endorse the system was not permitted to register. The Honor System has received the hearty support of students, faculty, and administration, and has proven to be a successful venture in Christian living.

Chairman—DAVIES OVERCASH

Members—PATSY SMITH, GRACE MAGILL



Student Council

Building on the foundations laid with its formation last year, the Student Council has left an enviable record of accomplishments. A crucial test has been passed with the successful adoption of the Honor System which was formulated in 1951 by the Council. This year's noteworthy achievement was the writing and adoption of a constitution for Student Government. We had many good times too, as the Council led various social activities, including the Hallowe'en party, the Thanksgiving party, and the Valentine's dance, and a spring Masquerade Ball.

OFFICERS:

President: BILL HOKE

Vice-President: BILL CAMPBELL

Secretary-Treasurer: JOHNNY LIPPARD



Members of House Council:

Betty Jo Capel, *President*

Fran Hinson, Doris Rhyne, Janice Coffey, Nancy Michael, Grace Magill.

House Council

Members of the council devote much of their time and energy toward helping make the dormitory a place of happiness and friendliness. Not only does the council enforce rules and regulations but it also plays an important part in creating an understanding spirit among the dorm students.

Student Christian Association

OFFICERS:

President: Bill Campbell
V-President: Edgar Hennings
Secretary: Patsy Smith
Treasurer: Betty Jo Capel

Challenging students to higher worship and service, the SCA sponsors vesper programs, prayer meetings, and chapel programs. It is active in projects which touch others with Christian love and concern.

The theme for second semester was "Christ—The Answer for Today." Religious Emphasis Week stimulated spiritual life at Mitchell with the Reverend David Currie as the inspiring speaker. An exciting week end retreat at the Lion's Club was held in the spring.

The programs, the projects, the meetings, the socials—how did we do it? "CHRIST—THE ANSWER FOR TODAY."





Sigma Pi Alpha

OFFICERS

President: Bill Hoke
V-President: Anne Smith
Secretary: Patsy Smith
Treasurer: Bill Gentry

The Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Alpha, national honorary language fraternity, is one of the high points among Mitchell organizations. This is because of the high scholastic average in foreign language and the leadership qualities that are required for membership. Under the guidance of Mrs. Knox the Sigma Pi Alpha is very active each year.



Le Circle Francais

OFFICERS

President:
 Bill Hoke
Vice-President:
 Hoyle Goforth
Secretary-Treasurer:
 Joyce Elliott

Members of this club, all of them students of French, endeavor to learn about the history and customs of the French people, as well as their language. From time to time they correspond with students of their own age in France. They study the French influences upon the history of the United States.

Historical Society

OFFICERS:

President: Don Ballard
V-President: Anne Smith
Secretary: Betty Jo Capel
Treasurer: James Stewart

The function of the Historical Society is to stimulate the interest of the students of the Department of Social Science in the field of human relations. This aim leads to the discussion of public questions and to social activity which makes for greater morale within the Department. The social and educational part of the society is combined when the group makes its annual historical tour in the spring.

A medal is annually awarded to the member of the Historical Society who exhibits the greatest amount of leadership and scholastic achievement during his membership within the Society.

Science Club

OFFICERS:

President:
Bill Gentry
Vice-President:
Davies Overcash
Secretary-Treasurer:
Grace Magill

The objectives of the Science Club are to stimulate interest in the sciences and to bring about a better understanding of the principles learned in the classroom. To this end, the club utilizes field trips to various points of interest.





Dramatics Club

OFFICERS:

President:

Fran Hinson

Vice-President:

Everette Lowery

Secretary-Treasurer:

Don Ballard

The Dramatics Club strives to offer Mitchell students the fundamentals of dramatic art. The participant may gain valuable and practical experience from taking part in the plays. In the spring of 1952 the club presented "Arsenic and Old Lace," which was well received by the public. This year's successful production was "Rebecca."



Choir

OFFICERS:

President:

Bill Hoke

Secretary-Treasurer:

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The purpose of the choir is to develop a better understanding of music through the interpretative singing of the finest choral music. Students are given special training in the techniques of choral direction. In addition to programs in chapel and in churches of neighboring communities, the Mitchell Choir joined with the Statesville Oratorio Society to present Handel's "Messiah." Plans are now under way for an Easter program and a spring tour.



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MAY DAY



May Day was a beautiful and spectacular occasion with Annette Mills reigning as the lovely May Queen and June Wallace her Maid of Honor. Various delightful entertainments were presented before the royal throne for Her Majesty's pleasure. The circle was the scene of dancing and singing climaxed by the traditional May Pole Dance.

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Miss Patsy Smith

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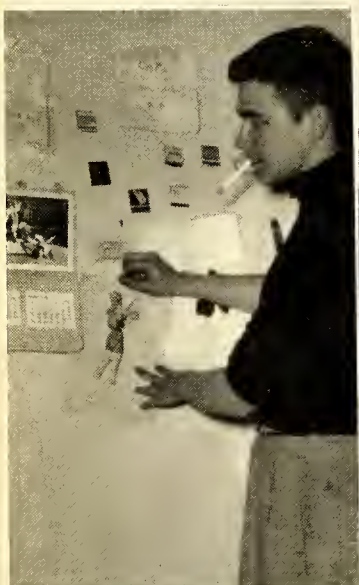
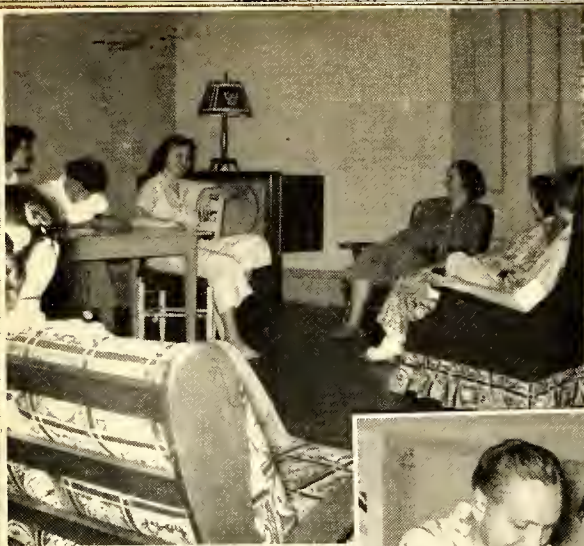
The Mitchell College sports life is always active with students enjoying ping-pong, badminton, shuffleboard, horseshoes, volleyball, tennis, bowling, swimming, softball, football, and basketball.

Basketball is the most popular sport on campus. Both the girls' team and the boys' team entered the City League this year with success. The fighting spirit of the teams sparked by captains, Martha Tomlin, Peggy Mayhew, Zetta Lou Freeman, Ted Moose, and Jackie Roseberry gained victories for both.

The boys won the '53 championship in the City League. The "Spiders" faced many strong opponents, but with their sprightly spirit and co-operative workmanship, they grasped the championship cup into their web by edging Empire 72-70 in the finals.







WINNING SNAP

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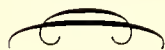
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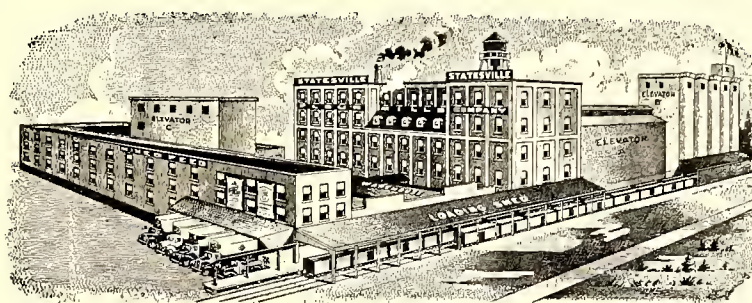
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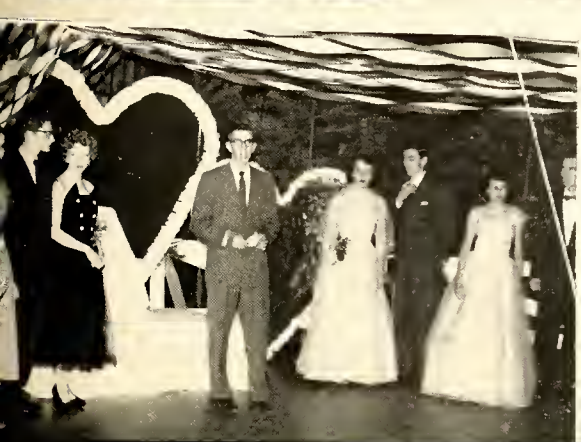
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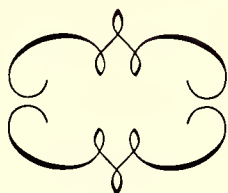
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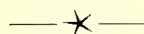
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